

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2562

AN ACT

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-
5 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**
2 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**
3 **COMPENSATION.**

4 (a) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.**—Effective on December 1,
5 2006, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
6 accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in ef-
7 fect on November 30, 2006, for the payment of disability
8 compensation and dependency and indemnity compensa-
9 tion under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

10 (b) **AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.**—The dollar
11 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
12 the following:

13 (1) **WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.**—
14 Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of
15 title 38, United States Code.

16 (2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-**
17 **ENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts under sections
18 1115(1) of such title.

19 (3) **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.**—The dollar
20 amount under section 1162 of such title.

21 (4) **DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-**
22 **TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.**—Each of the dollar
23 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-
24 tion 1311 of such title.

1 (5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
 2 TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts
 3 under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

4 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

5 (1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in para-
 6 graph (2), each dollar amount described in sub-
 7 section (b) shall be increased by the same percentage
 8 as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable
 9 under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,
 11 2006, as a result of a determination under section
 12 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

13 (2) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased
 14 under paragraph (1), if not a whole dollar amount,
 15 shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar
 16 amount.

17 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
 18 fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in-
 19 creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability
 20 compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub-
 21 lic Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received
 22 compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States
 23 Code.

1 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.**

2 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the
 3 Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as
 4 increased under that section, not later than the date on
 5 which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the
 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
 7 to be published by reason of a determination made under
 8 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2007.

9 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

10 Section 1311 of title 38, United States Code, is
 11 amended by redesignating the second subsection (e) (as
 12 added by section 301(a) of the Veterans Benefits Improve-
 13 ment Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–454; 118 Stat. 3610))
 14 as subsection (f).

Passed the Senate September 21, 2006.

Attest:

Secretary.

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